

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of September, 1949.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; State Basic Wage; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1949 was estimated to be 525,857, comprising 269,912 Males and 255,945 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	321	347	3,212	3,405
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.11	7.93	9.15	9.96
Births.....No.	1,183	1,082	8,840	8,530
* Rate per 1000 of Population	26.21	24.73	25.19	24.95
Deaths.....No.	426	470	3,143	3,153
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.44	10.74	8.96	9.22
Infant Mortality.....No.	26	22	238	222
Rate per 1000 Live Births	21.98	20.33	26.92	26.03
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	7	16	87	115
Cancer	48	56	450	423
Influenza	1	9	9	12
Diphtheria	-	1	3	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	30	43	300	283
Arteriosclerosis	11	14	106	96
Diseases of the Heart	170	158	977	942
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	23	33	150	197
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	3	29	17
Nephritis	17	18	89	116
Diseases of Early Infancy	15	10	143	122
Senility	4	7	54	53
Accidents	29	19	207	184
All Other Causes	69	83	539	588
TOTAL	426	470	3,143	3,153

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September totalled 551,101 acres, a decrease of 122,185 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,849,862 acres, a decrease of 1,930,032 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£ 1,850,934	£ 1,457,465	£ 4,995,125	£ 4,260,380
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 6d.	£2.16. 4d.	£9. 8. 0d.	£8. 5. 0d.
Expenditure	£ 1,971,694	£ 1,685,124	£ 5,577,109	£ 4,943,493
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.14. 1d.	£3. 5. 2d.	£10. 9.10d.	£9.11. 5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th September amounted to £38,072,548 or £71. 8. 7d. per head of population as against £36,244,778 or £70. 0. 0d. per head as at the 30th September last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

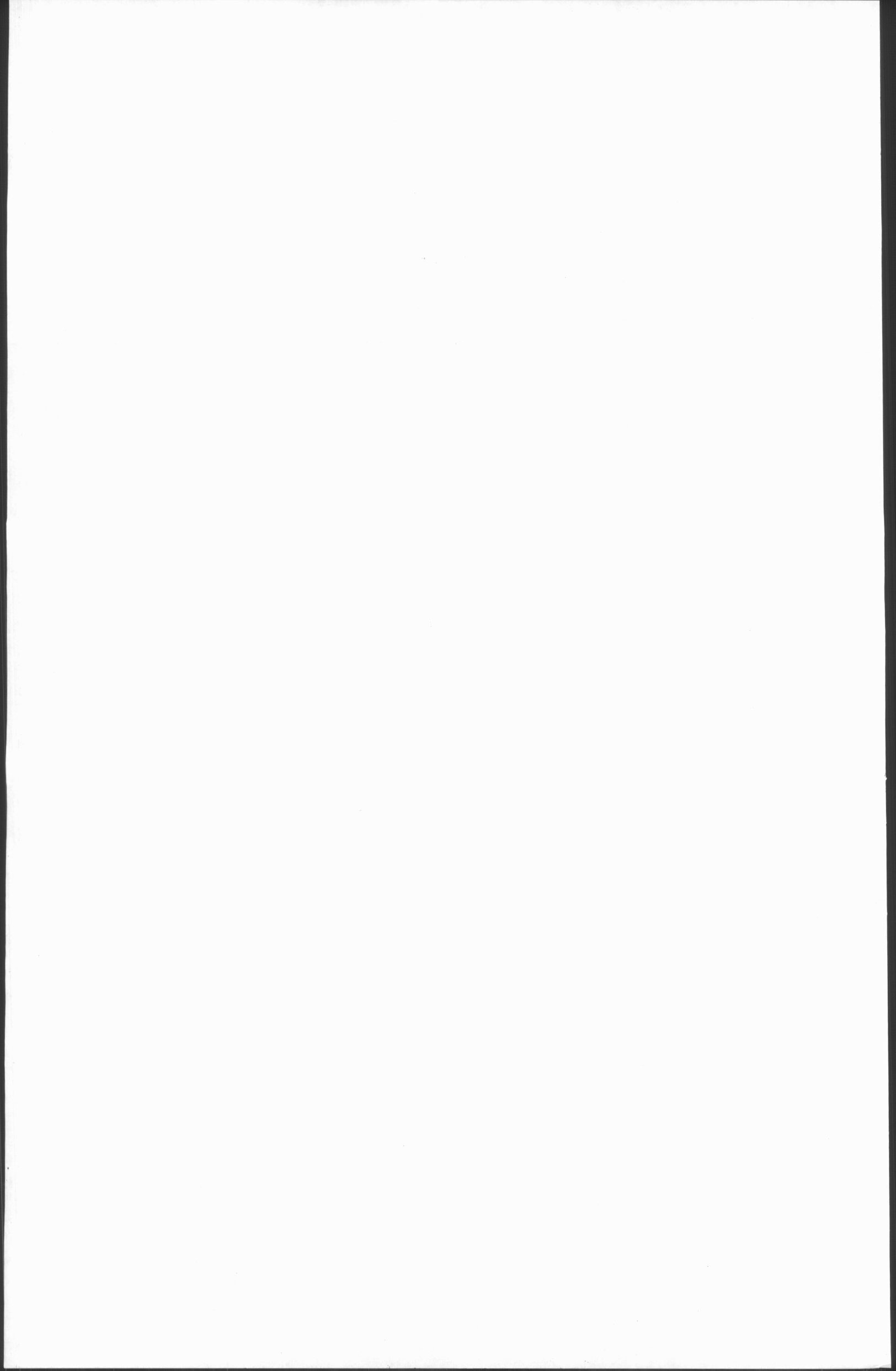
The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 30th September, 1949 amounted to £6,667,104 compared with £5,841,750 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No.	1,774	1,553	5,218	4,608
	£	1,258,530	713,879	3,420,648	2,482,010
Mortgages	No.	1,105	963	3,119	2,803
	£	1,066,810	782,948	3,664,703	2,669,586
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	891	761	2,642	2,563

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
<u>1948 -</u>				
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
<u>1949 -</u>				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
May	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882
June	1,903,149	1,244,920	4,520,502	195,347
July	1,700,189	1,043,068	4,188,802	177,441
August	1,522,703	1,041,297	3,847,677	182,528
September	1,682,855	977,575	3,764,321	208,885



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

31 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,128,000 and 17 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 43 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,317,000 and 18 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	3 Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	6	4,760	996	7	3,961	190
Deeds of Assignment (a)	8	17,940	12,474	4	20,601	12,786
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

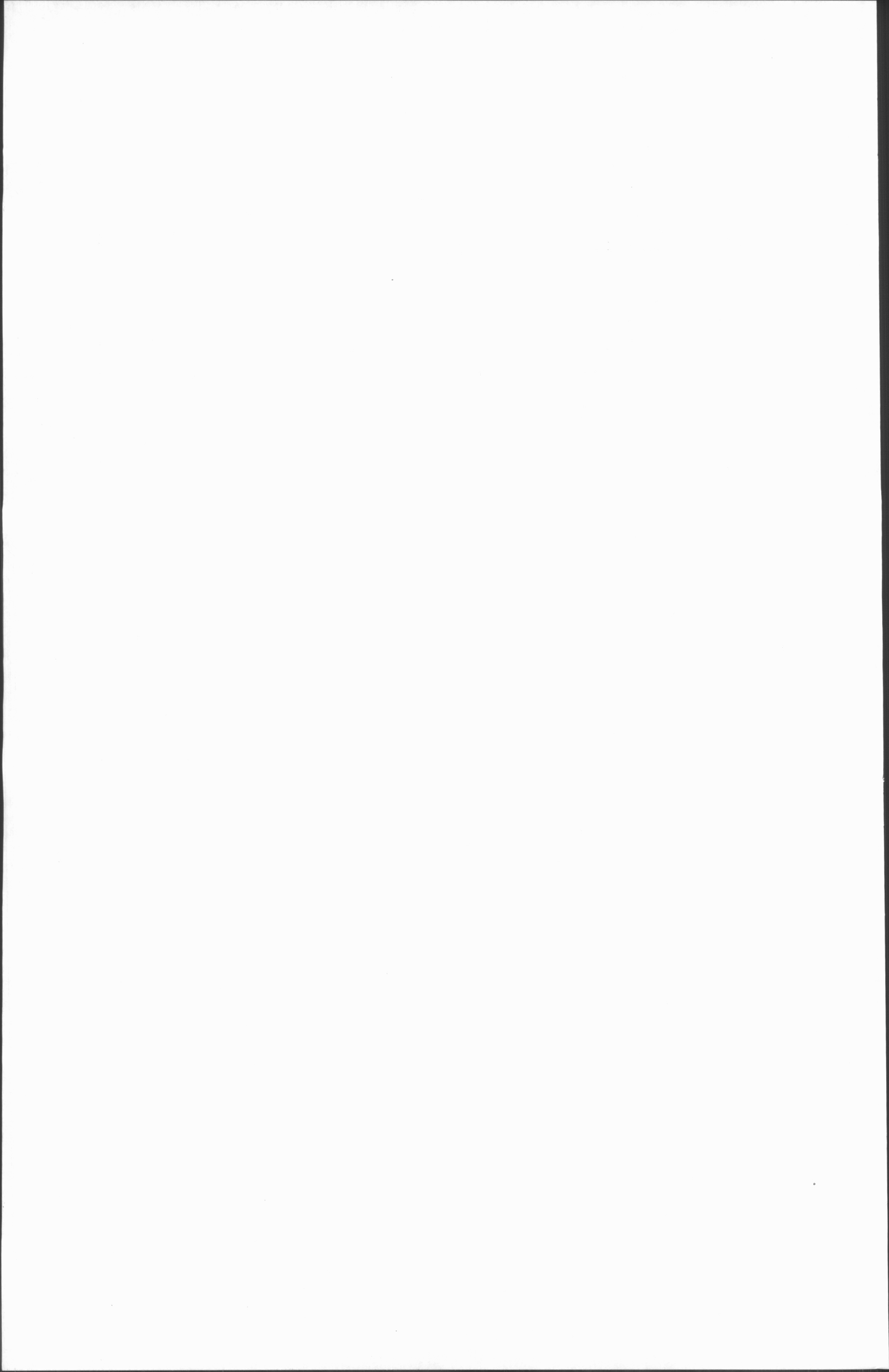
(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£	514,700	400,600	829,600	787,100
Working Expenses (a)	£	598,378	559,596	1,117,427	1,094,382
Train Miles Run	No.	560,189	612,783	925,423	1,186,614
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	77,864	71,440	163,226	141,929
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	895,026	1,042,695	1,608,232	2,001,332
Motor Bus	No.	35,425	24,851	70,473	45,066
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		229,373	221,762	376,140	440,679
Livestock		10,742	13,771	18,183	25,197
Departmental (Free Freight)		46,088	49,217	73,602	99,820
TOTAL		286,203	284,750	467,925	565,696
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		35,230,704	33,403,791	55,864,562	64,302,021
Livestock		1,726,490	2,031,364	3,015,935	3,767,091
Departmental (Free Freight)		6153,317	8,076,984	10,799,580	16,099,464
TOTAL		43,110,511	43,512,139	69,680,077	84,168,576

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	383
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112
July	234	53	11	73	597	328	28	164
August	256	93	7	113	533	282	13	216

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
July	25,008	11,522	362	6,508	38,226	32,932	670	9,358
August	25,035	11,519	367	6,562	39,865	35,892	693	9,956

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for August, 1949 - 134 Cars; 587 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, August 1949 and 1948 and 2 Months ending August, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Oversea	£A,000 2,261	£A,000 1,767	£A,000 3,834	£A,000 3,743	£A,000 4,169	£A,000 2,256	£A,000 7,623	£A,000 7,533
Interstate	2,146	1,749	4,741	4,158	464	420	864	835
TOTAL	4,407	3,516	8,575	7,901	4,633	2,676	8,487	8,368

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
<u>1948 -</u>										
June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
<u>1949 -</u>										
June Qr.	194	161	606	833	13	64	88	199	901	1,257

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
<u>1948 -</u>										
June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
<u>1949 -</u>										
June Qr.	367	554	57	48	361	373	13	14	798	989

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,887,331 lbs. were produced during August, 1949 and 3,370,317 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1949, as against 1,826,646 lbs. and 3,324,493 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	50,879	51,876	473,849	497,091
Value (Aust. Currency) £	752,702	558,310	5,412,535	5,349,949

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the nine months ended September, 1949, amounted to £392,641. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £488,518.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1468	1268	1419	1226	1435	1282	1374	1233
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1594	1403	1557	1366	1525	1383	1470	1338
Northam	1485	1293	1440	1247	1446	1289	1384	1241
Bunbury	1471	1276	1428	1233	1447	1298	1388	1245
Geraldton	1495	1301	1454	1257	1494	1344	1440	1294
Collie	1484	1285	1441	1242	1377	1237	1322	1186

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

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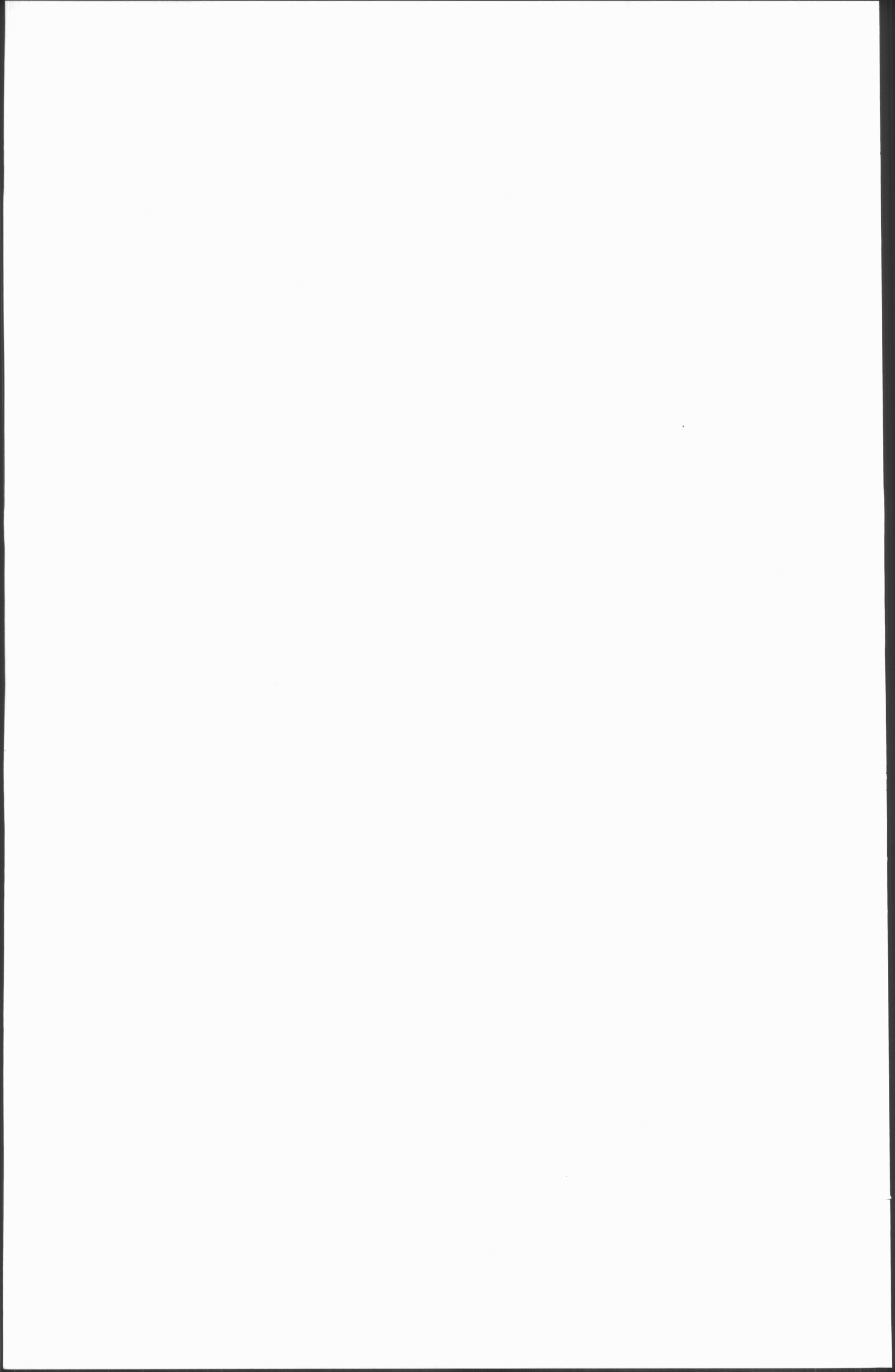
Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147	113,010	37,928	150,938
July	109,375	37,154	146,529	111,190	37,991	149,181
August	108,611	37,073	145,684	113,003	38,098	151,101
September	109,416	37,224	146,640			
October	110,240	37,592	147,832			
November	111,010	37,704	148,714			
December	111,491	38,015	149,506			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177	178	903	1087	1153	1277	1362
July	146	157	167	177(a)	173	899	1096	1168	1301	1381
August	145	159	167	176	178	897	1109	1181	1294	1377
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948 -									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
1949 -									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90
June (a)	61	7	68	47	4	51	100	7	107

(a) Subject to Revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
24th October, 1949	£ s. d. 6.15. 11.	£ s. d. 3.13. 5.	£ s. d. 6.15. 4.	£ s. d. 3.13. 1.	£ s. d. 7. 2. 11.	£ s. d. 3.17. 2.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.V.H.)	18,289	19,547	48,723	59,846
Units Sold (1000 K.V.H.)	15,593	16,532	41,208	50,679

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1949	10,641	499	74,349	8,597
September, 1948	6,486	508	91,018	8,822
9 Months ended September, 1949	88,066	3,803	503,759	79,540
9 Months ended September, 1948	83,408	3,202	486,247	84,001

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